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In re Application of:)

Takeshi FUKUDA, et al.)

) Group Art Unit: 1617

Serial No.: 09/834,651)

) Examiner: L. Wells

Filed: April 16, 2001)

For: FLAKE-LIKE α -ALUMINA)
PARTICLES AND METHOD FOR)
PRODUCING THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated April 22, 2002, the Examiner required
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I - Claims 1-3, 6-10, drawn to flake-like alpha alumina particles and
compositions thereof, classified in class 424, subclass 682; and

Group II - Claims 4-5, drawn to a method of making particles, classified in class
556, subclass 170.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-3, 6-10, drawn to
flake-like alpha alumina particles and compositions thereof without traverse.

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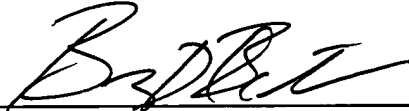
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